



First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOC) – July 18, 2016

FirstNet News

- Mike Bostic joined the FirstNet team last week as the Senior Law Enforcement Advisor. Mike served with the Los Angeles Police Department for 34 years, retiring as an Assistant Chief. Most recently, he served as the public safety advocacy director in Raytheon Company and Nokia Corporation, focused on public safety communications. Mike has a wide spectrum of policing experience and held significant roles in communications and information systems in both policing and the private sector. Mike is working remotely from California and can be reached at Michael.Bostic@firstnet.gov or 571-599-0658.
- FirstNet has now completed 30 State Governance Body Consultation Meetings. Last week included meetings in Oklahoma with the Public Safety Broadband Governing Board and in West Virginia with the Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee. Primary discussion topics at both included the 90-day State Plan review and decision process, the importance of tribal input to the opt-in/opt-out decision, and rural coverage.
- Last week, FirstNet Board Member Governor Jim Douglas and Director of Government Affairs Edward Parkinson traveled to Des Moines, Iowa for the annual summer meeting of the National Governors Association (NGA). There were no formal FirstNet presentations, but both engaged in informal discussions with various governors and governors' staff.
- Also last week, FirstNet hosted a Region 5 Quality of Service, Priority, and Preemption (QPP) Consultation Task Team (CTT) meeting in St. Paul, Minnesota, with 37 attendees. Attendees provided valuable feedback regarding the need for standardized policies and procedures, including the importance of documenting requirements for local network control.
- The Federal Consultation team is preparing for a FirstNet Federal Southwest Border Forum in Phoenix, Arizona on August 30-31. This meeting will provide an opportunity for federal stakeholders in and around the Southwest Border Region to engage with FirstNet through a series of presentations and breakout session(s) focused on what is possible with public safety LTE and understanding federal needs. Through this meeting, we will keep federal stakeholders informed and up-to-date on FirstNet developments and current efforts, expand outreach to regional

stakeholders, and gain a better understanding of how to support federal operational needs in the region. For additional details on registration, contact FederalConsultation@FirstNet.gov.

- This week, FirstNet is participating in the Pinnacle 2016 EMS Leadership & Management Conference in San Antonio, Texas; the Idaho First Responder Net Outreach Effort in Post Falls; a Tennessee Governance Body meeting in Franklin; a ConnectME Advisory Board meeting in Hallowell, Maine; a Confederated Tribes of Colville Reservation Tribal Leadership meeting on the Colville Reservation in Washington; a Wisconsin Homeland Security Council meeting in Madison; the 2016 Arkansas Interoperability conference in Little Rock; the National Association of Counties (NACo) 81st Annual Conference and Exposition in Long Beach, California; and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association meeting in Sykesville.
- Last week, FirstNet posted a blog entry on tribal first responders, [Q&A With Poarch Band of Creek Indians: Mobile Data, Rural Coverage Key To Emergency Response](#), and started a new blog series called "10 Ways FirstNet Will Help Public Safety Save Lives and Secure Communities" that is available here: <http://www.firstnet.gov/about/why>. All blog posts can also be accessed at: www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog.

Media Watch

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Urgent Comm 7/14: Congress needs to offer a bigger carrot, if it wants a potential 911-funding stick to have any meaning

<http://urgentcomm.com/blog/congress-needs-offer-bigger-carrot-if-it-wants-potential-911-funding-stick-have-any-meaning?page=1>

Exactly what the federal government's long-term role in 911 should be is something that needs to be determined soon, particularly if the goal of migrating to NG911 by 2020 hopes to have any chance of becoming a reality... This timing is especially appropriate given the projected timing of the FirstNet system that is designed to deliver next-generation media and applications to first responders in the field, because FirstNet and NG911 deployments clearly are complementary initiatives

RCR Wireless News 7/13: Rivada Networks looks to tap new technology to bolster FirstNet

<http://www.rcrwireless.com/20160713/carriers/rivada-networks-looks-tap-new-technology-bolster-firstnet-tag2>

The First Responder Network Authority was provided with the 700 MHz D-Block license and more than \$6 billion in funding from the FCC's AWS-3 spectrum auction to entice firms

into a new partnership. This effort has drawn interest from a number of established carriers, including Verizon Wireless and AT&T, as well as new entities. One of those entities is Rivada Networks. Rivada last month unveiled vendor partners lined up to help the company in its efforts to build out a nationwide public safety network should it win a part or all of the FirstNet bidding process. Rivada said partners include Harris Corporation, Ericsson, Nokia, Intel Security, Fujitsu Network Communications and Black & Veatch.

Web and Social Media

FirstNet social media continues to grow. Facebook has 220 followers, Twitter gained 15 new followers and is now at 3,888 followers, while LinkedIn has 1,600 followers. YouTube now has 292 subscribers.

Do you have something you want to feature in the weekly update, such as a conference date, personnel announcement, or news article showcasing the work of your organization? Please send it to Yancy Edwards at yancy.edwards.ctr@firstnet.gov for possible inclusion in an upcoming update.